

MEETING MINUTES
Easton Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting May 20, 2021
7:30 PM
Town Hall Conference Room A

ZOOM: BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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David Bindelglass called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

Present: David Bindelglass, Kristi Sogofsky and Robert Lessler

1. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen Meeting, May 6, 2021, as amended. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Grant M. spoke about the Code of Ethics and the Land Use Ordinance. Jeff Becker commented on Net Zero. Dana B. spoke about Save Our Town, Save Our Schools and hemp growing. June L. spoke about EDIT. Justin S. spoke about the farming lease. Dwight S. spoke about helping a neighbor out.
3. Robert Lessler moved to approve the following tax refunds as recommended by Krista Kot, Tax Collector: 1. PATRICK MOREAU - \$82.77. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Kristi Sogofsky moved to approve the release of Driveway Bond, PERMIT #1689, 17 Tatetuck Trail, to Matthew Nuzie in the amount of \$3,000.00 as recommended by Bruce Bombero, Deputy Director of Public Works. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. After a discussion regarding the needs of the WWHD, David Bindelglass appointed Doreen Collins as the designated representative on the Westport Weston Health District Board of Directors.
6. No action taken.
7. Kristi Sogofsky moved to appoint Kevin Oliver as a member on the Easton Diversity and Inclusion Task Force for the unexpired term of 8.20.2020 to 1.2.2022. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Robert Lessler moved to accept the resignation of Shari Butler from the Board of Ethics with thanks for her service. Kristi Sogofsky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
8. David Bindelglass said that the boards, commissions and committees in town will follow the Governor's Executive Order 7B which was extended to June 30, 2021. The overall State of Emergency has been extended to July 20, 2021. In Town Hall, beginning on Monday, May 24, 2021, we will be open to the public although appointments are strongly urged. If you are vaccinated and feel comfortable without a mask, you will be allowed to enter the building. If you are not vaccinated, please make an appointment and wear a mask. The Board of Selectmen meetings will allow the public in (with masks) commencing at the next meeting.
9. After a discussion, Kristi Sogofsky moved to request the Board of Finance consider funding \$1.247 million for the Sport Hill Multi-Use Pathway. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
10. David Bindelglass discussed the sudden passing of the Easton Building Inspector, Tony Ballaro. With the assistance of local building officials, the Building Department will continue to operate and will be

evaluated after a period of approximately six months to see if there will be any fiscally responsible changes made to the department.

11. The Selectmen will review a letter and an amendments to the Town Plan of Conservation and Development and the Easton Zoning Regulations as requested by the Planning and Zoning Commission and prepare comments prior to the Public Hearing July 26, 2021.
12. Easton had no new cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19) during the last two-week reporting period. Most, if not all, homebound residents have been vaccinated.
13. Fifteen residents spoke mainly of the farming lease, SPAC, the Sport Hill pathway and school survey.
14. Robert Lessler extended his condolences to the family of Tony Ballaro. He also said the 175th Anniversary Committee will be at the Memorial Day Parade and has expressed interest in morphing into "The 06612", a resource for all of Easton. Robert Lessler also is pleased to see real progress on revoking pandemic restrictions. Kristi Sogofsky agreed with Robert Lessler's comments. David Bindelglass responded favorably to Dana Benson's comments on making charitable donations. David, along with Ray Martin of the Planning and Zoning Commission, attended a discussion regarding affordable housing presented by Sen. Tony Hwang, which was very informative.
15. Kristi Sogofsky moved to adjourn at 9:43 p.m. Robert Lessler seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

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